

SAXONS UPSET COUGARS, 13-0

The Fearless Spectator



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It was a fine hot summer day in New York City in 1886, and a great occasion. The little girl, age 7, was on vacation from the Convent of Notre Dame on Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia. She was living at the New York apartment of her uncle, John Drew; and her father, Maurice Barrymore, was taking her to her first baseball game.

Ethel and her father journeyed up to the Polo Grounds on the old elevated railway to see the New York Giants. "I was very excited," she remarks in her autobiography, "but not nearly as excited as my father. It turned out that he was a Giant fan, which I have found out during the years is not the same as being a baseball fan."

That day the Giants lost. Maurice Barrymore was fractured. His handsome dimpled chin trembled and his face was ghastly as he walked back to the El with his daughter. On the platform, waiting for the train, he paced up and down the platform, raging like a child with the colic. He threw his arms heavenward, and cried:

"God! How could you do this to me, how could you?"

Ethel was embarrassed beyond belief. "I slipped into another car on the train," she said, "pretending I didn't know that eccentric Englishman — and I can't tell you how English he sounded in the shadow of Coogan's Bluff. I had no idea where to get off that elevated train, so I was eventually removed to a police station and returned rather in style to my parents . . ."

What the great actress said was perfectly true, until the final days of the Giants' residence in New York. The Giant fan was sui generis, or sui for short.

I know. I was one myself, a passionate and wholly engaged one. Until I was of age 9. That was in 1924, and it was a big year in my psychic life. The Giants betrayed me by losing the World Series to the Washington Senators. I turned my back on baseball for life. I thought. Until a kindly editor signed me to write about them two years back.

The Giant fan was raffish and non-conformist. Nearly all show business people, from George Cohan down, were Giant fans. They admired wildly the baroque and bellicose style of John McGraw, the Giant manager.

McGraw was as far from the present manager, Al Dark, as a hard-drinking, fist-throwing, horse-playing Irish Catholic can be from a non-smoking, nonviolent, nondrinking Louisiana Baptist elder.

The Giant fan of those days was the fellow who adored Mayor Jimmy Walker, while perfectly aware Hizzoner was a crook. The Yankee fan was likely to be a Wall Street type or insurance man or some such who would disapprove of Jimmy, and wholly approve of Samuel Seabury, the stern old Judge who finally unhorsed Our Hero. The Dodger fan, being in Brooklyn, couldn't have cared less. There were lots of fist fights about baseball in the '20s. You could safely bet most of them were started by Giant fans. Times has changed, no?

FAVORITES FALL

Upsets Run Rampant on Gridiron As Cougars, MHS, Falcons Lose

There is no joy in Hawthorne, the mighty Cougars have struck out.

Heavily favored to win Bay League title, the Hawthorne eleven fell before a fired-up North High squad 13 to 0 Friday night to all but gift-wrap the loop crown for Inglewood.

The Sentinels and Cougars had previously battled to a 21-21 tie in a contest that was supposedly to determine the loop champion.

INGLEWOOD kept its undefeated record intact with a 27 to 0 win over Leuzinger. The Sents must now only get by Mira Costa to claim the title and the right to go into the CIF playoffs.

In the Pioneer League title chase, Culver City practically placed the crown in its trophy case as the Centaurs rolled to an 18-0 victory over Lawndale.

Gauchos Fall

Clinching at least a tie for the Marine League title, San Pedro spoiled Narbonne's homecoming Friday by licking the Gauchos 20 to 0.

Powerful San Pedro was held scoreless in the first half by the aroused Gauchos, but had too much power in the final half to be held from the scoreboard.

to cinch at least a tie for the first place slot.

THE CENTAURS must face rugged Beverly Hills next week, while second place Torrance goes against Palos Verdes.

In one of the big surprises of Friday night's action, Palos Verdes won the first grid contest in the school's one-year existence, snapping a six-game losing streak with a surprise 27-13 win over Aviation.

THE FALCONS were co-favorites to take the league crown with Torrance and Culver City, but this year, have dropped into the also-ran category.

In a pair of other surprises, El Segundo shocked Beverly Hills, 19 to 13, and Redondo knocked over Morningside, 13 to 6.

IN THE El Camino Real League, St. Bernards threw the title race into an uproar by side-swiping previously unbeaten Alemany, 33 to 25.

Long Beach Wilson took a giant step towards the Moore League title Saturday night by nudging favored Long Beach Poly, 21 to 20.

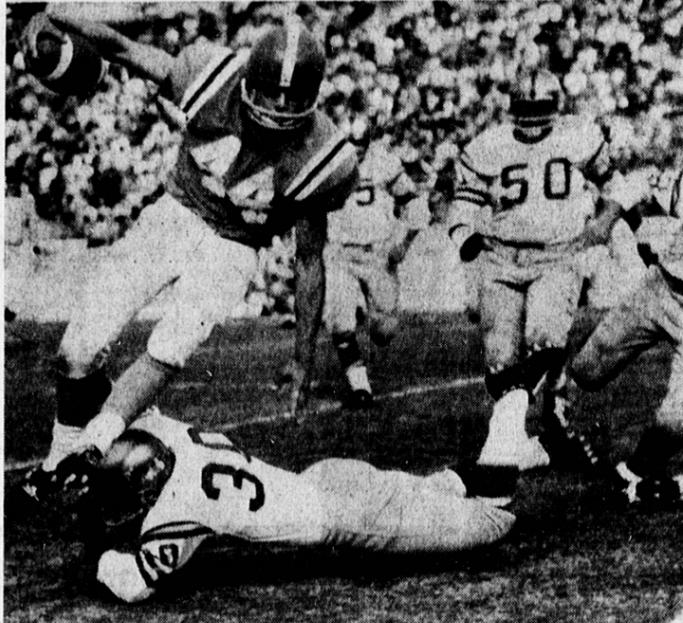
Wilson threw up two tremendous goal line stands to pave the way for the win.

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END OF THE LINE . . . Warrior halfback Jim Allison make desperate attempt to skirt the right end during yesterday afternoon's homecoming game against Harbor College, but halfback Sam Bates has him nailed on the spot. The game was the final contest for each team this season.

BILLINGS PACES WIN

Torrance Subdues Lennox With Final Quarter Surge

Ramming home 20 fourth quarter points, Torrance High kept alive its faint hopes for a chunk of the Pioneer League title by rolling over stubborn Lennox, 27 to 6.

Allan Billings romped home for a touchdown and booted two conversions to pace the Tartar scorers.

Up until the final period, Torrance held a slim 7-0 lead, but the Tartars managed to put all the pieces together in the last stanza as Billings, Mike Cicchini and George Ojard all pushed into the Lancer end zone for six points.

DESPITE THE win, Torrance's hopes for at least a piece of the league title were dimmed considerably by Cul-

ver City's 18-0 win over Lawndale.

The previous week, the Centaurs slipped past Torrance 12 to 7 to maintain their undefeated, untied slate. The loss was the lone loop defeat handed the Tartars this season, but Culver City must lose its remaining game with Beverly Hills and THS triumph over Palos Verdes in order for Torrance to tie for the crown.

APPARENTLY demoralized after the Culver City licking, Torrance played listless ball through the first three quarters. Bob Clark snagged a John Cambon aerial for a TD in the second period and Billings hit on the conversion to give Tor-

rance a 7-0 halftime lead.

Lennox managed to hold Torrance scoreless after the half, but just could not stop the Tartar tide in the final period as THS finally managed to pull out of its lethargy.

NEXT WEEKS' Torrance foe, Palos Verdes, has finally exerted itself in the Pioneer League, downing Aviation, 27 to 13 in Friday's contest.

Previously winless in their first year of football, the Sea Kings whipped a squad which the Tartars had roused, 26 to 13.

As far as Torrance hoping Beverly Hills can upend the Centaurs, the Normans were caught napping by El Segundo and fell 19 to 13.

Mighty Hawthorne Falls Before Determined North

Up and down North High reached the pinnacle of its gridiron success Friday night when the underdog Saxons pulled the impossible and upset highly-ranked Hawthorne, 13 to 0.

Mighty Hawthorne with its big, fast, experienced line and a bevy of quick, hard-running, pin-point passing backs, was rated in the top 10 CIF teams. The Cougars had only one blotch on their record, a bitterly fought 21 to 21 tie with powerful Inglewood.

North did not stand a chance. The Saxons had almost been the victims of a tremendous upset the week before when they had barely squeezed past lowly Leuzinger, 14 to 7. The Olympians had scored only one other touchdown in two and one half years, but they almost beath North.

IT WAS A different story this week though as the NHS defense stopped the vaunted Cougar running game and aerial attack at every turn and forced Hawthorne into three crucial fumbles to eliminate every HHS scoring threat.

While the North defense was halting Hawthorne at every turn, the offense was busy working around, through and over the highly touted Cougar defense.

MIDWAY THROUGH the first period, Dan Claxton hauled in a 35-yard aerial from Jeff Bell to give the Saxons their first score of the ballgame.

Rich Parker chipped in with the conversion to give fired-up North a 7-0 cushion it rode into intermission.

IN THE third quarter, the Saxons hit paydirt once again, this time on a Bell to Skip Mooney pass.

It was simply a matter of North High doing everything right and Hawthorne just not seemingly able to put its talents together.

NOT UNTIL late in the final half did the Cougars finally start to demonstrate their speed and power. But even then, their mistakes spoiled the scoring attempt as Hawthorne drove down to the Saxon's 10-yard stripe only to lose the ball on a fumble and end the threat.

The loss dropped the Cougars out of a first place tie with Inglewood and settled them into third place behind North. The Saxons are just half a game behind the Sentinels. HHS has only the tie with Hawthorne to mar an otherwise perfect record, while only a 33-6 loss from the Sents blemishes the Saxons' slate.

INGLEWOOD faces hapless Mira Costa in its final league start of the season while North will be going up against upset-minded Redondo.

Hawthorne will battle bitter rival Morningside on Friday.

SHOULD Inglewood lose, and North win, the Saxons would

back into the Bay League championship.

If Inglewood and North lose, Hawthorne then runs backward into the title crown. All the Sentinels need do to put the

league crown on their scalp belt is down the Mustangs and no matter what happens in the Hawthorne and North contests they will be assured of the championship.

STREAK SNAPPED

Seigel PAT Boosts South to Grid Win

Snapping a string of five consecutive defeats, South High relied on the dependable toe of Harvey Seigel to lift it to a 13 to 12 victory over Mira Costa on the Torrance High gridiron Friday evening.

Strictly a defensive battle in the first half, the two luckless

elvens erupted for 25 points in the second half.

The Mustangs made a strong third quarter attempt to run away with the game, racking up a pair of TDs.

SOUTH fought back, pushing over a score of its own. Seigel boomed across for six points to bring the Spartans back into the picture and then converted for what eventually proved to be the decisive point of the contest.

The victory ended a skein of losses which had seen Sparta fall before North, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Morningside and Redondo. Next on the South schedule will be Bay League doormat Leuzinger.

THE OLYMPIANS cannot be overlooked though as North High found out last week. The Saxons were looking ahead to their grid titanic with Hawthorne and Leuzinger almost spoiled the dream. The Olymps shook the Saxon pillars before falling 14 to 6.

It is unlikely though that the Spartans will be overconfident. An underdog Redondo eleven took them into camp 14 to 12 as the Seahawks caught the Spartans looking forward to their game with cross-town rival North High.

This time though, there is nothing to look forward too. The contest will mark the end of the grid season for both clubs.

Pop Warner Vikings Edge Yellowjacket

George Ray bulled for six points on a one-yard plunge and Dan Pritchett exploded for 17 yards and a touchdown as the Torrance Vikings rambled past the Redondo Beach Yellowjackets, 13 to 0 in a Pop Warner Peewee Division contest.

George Ray kicked the point-after-touchdown for the Vikings.

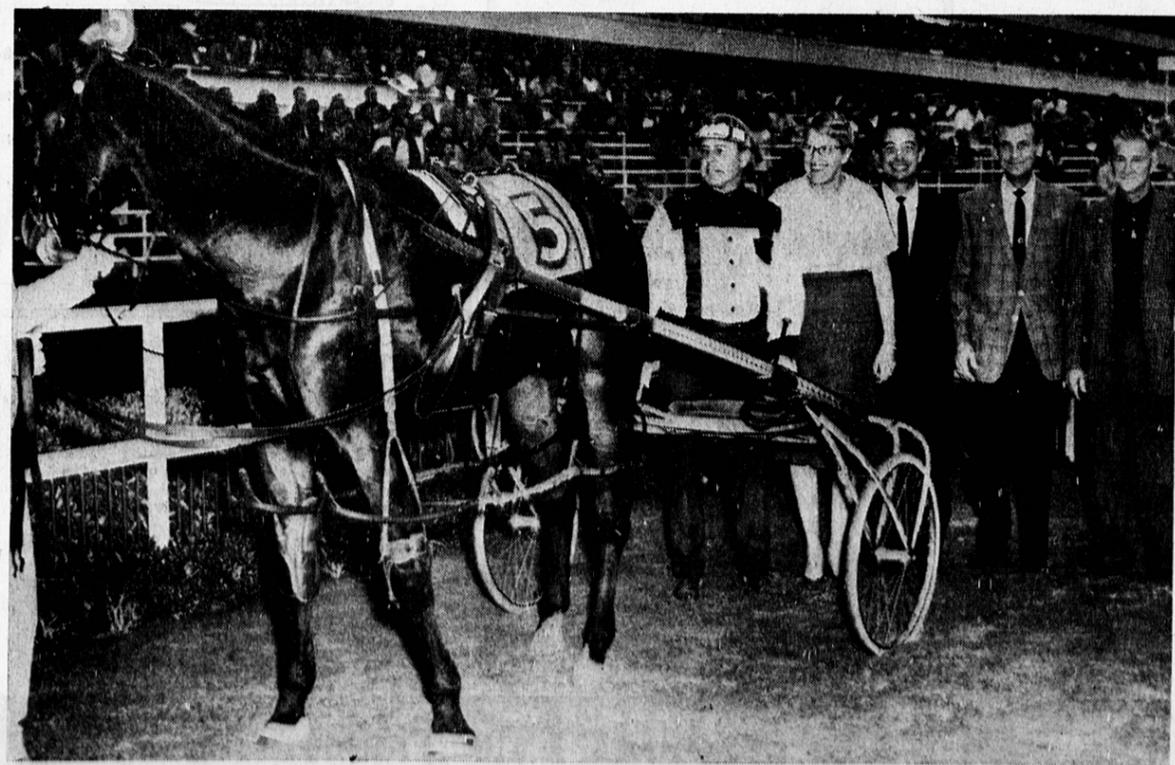
In a close tilt, the Hawthorne Oilers mowed down the Torrance Oilers 12 to 9. Jimmy Fox barreled four yards through center for the lone Oiler TD of the game. Tony Walchler converted. The other two Oiler points came as Mike Abrams put the clamps on an Scorpion player behind the Hawthorne goal line.

IN THE Midget Division, the Torrance Chargers squeezed by the Redondo Beach Chargers, 9 to 7. Terry Tiedman scored the Torrance TD on a one-yard line buck and John Hoettger tackled a Redondo ball carrier behind his goal line for a safety to account for the orange scoring.

Danny Kling scored on jaunts of 9, 10 and 17 yards to lead the Torrance Steelers to a 35-13 win over the Hawthorne Wasps. Other Steeler scores came on TD runs of four yards by Dave Smith and a six-yard by Bob Cano. Cano booted four PATs and Bruce Cooke and Bill Sorenson each chipped in with one apiece.

IN THE Bantam Division, the Torrance Blue Devils fell before Baldwin Hills, 32 to 20. Steve Ferguson scored on a 30-yard run for the initial Torrance TD. The second Blue Devils touchdown came on a five-yard pass-play from Fred Schwanbeck to Mike Kimpel. Schwanbeck hit the end zone from two yards out for the final Torrance score.

Garry Musick hit for both Blue Devil conversions.



BOWLING GROUP HONOR . . . Mrs. Ruth Candel of Gardena, president of the 50 and over Bowling Club, poses in the winners circle after recent race during Western Harness Racing Assn. meeting at Hollywood Park. Shatter

Rhythm, winner of the race named in honor of the bowling group, appears to be counting the house, while driver Ken Carnal, Lyle Reel, Phil Jeffries and owner William Lachenmaler look on.